

February 17, 1964

Captain W.F. Gannaway  
Special Service Bureau  
Dallas Police Department

Thru:  
Lieutenant Jack Revill  
Criminal Intelligence Section  
Special Service Bureau  
Dallas Police Department

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE (6)  
DEWEY GROOM

Sir:

Pursuant to the instructions of Captain Gannaway the following report is submitted.

T-1 states SUBJECT was born 30, April, 1918 in Mabank, Texas. SUBJECT has lived in Dallas the greater part of his adult life. His present address is 2631 Fonville Dr. SUBJECT owns this residence and it is valued at \$25,000.00. SUBJECT's profession is a barber and he owns the Longhorn Barbershop, at 8106 Scyene Rd. SUBJECT has owned this shop since January of 1955. SUBJECT is also a musician and singer.

T-1 also states that SUBJECT now operates the LONGHORN RANCH nightclub, 216 Corinth St., and in conjunction with the nightclub, he operates the Longhorn Recording Co. which is at the same location. This Company specializes in western style phonograph recordings. The Longhorn Ranch is leased from O.L. NEILS who formerly operated the club and sold the right to operate the club to SUBJECT for \$6,000.00 on 24 December, 1958. NEILS is still the owner of the property.

T-1 also has information that SUBJECT operated a club on the second floor, southwest corner of Commerce and Browder sts., which was known as the Bounty Ballroom when SUBJECT leased it in 1952. SUBJECT later purchased the Bridgeport Club, 5610 S. Lamar, in partnership with ZEIBA FABER in September of 1955. SUBJECT later purchased Faber's portion of the club. SUBJECT sold the Bridgeport Club to CECIL LUNA in April of 1957. T-1 states SUBJECT was also in partnership with his brother, CLIFTON O. GROOM at the Groom Brothers Hardware and Appliance Store, 117 Pleasant Grove Shopping Center. SUBJECT sold his portion of this hardware store to one C.J. POSTER in December of 1953.

T-1 states SUBJECT owns real estate in Duncanville, Texas worth \$1,200.00, and his residence listed above. SUBJECT is married to QUINLAN GROOM who works with him in operating the

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Longhorn Ranch nightclub.

T-1 further reveals that SUBJECT has three tax lien cases filed against him at the present time. These tax liens are listed in the Recording Section of the County Clerk's office. The date of filing, log book number, page number and monetary amount are as follows: September 11, 1961, Volume 41, page 335, excise tax for \$50,993.00; March 16, 1962, volume 44, page 356, cabaret tax for \$3,876.00; January 4, 1963, volume 54, page 125, excise tax for \$24,482.00.

The County Clerk's office, Recording Section, was checked by the reporting officer and the above information was verified.

SUBJECT was interviewed by Detective T.W. Wardlaw of the Intelligence Section on 14, February, 1964. SUBJECT stated he had been an employee of JACK RUBY aka RUBENSTEIN at the Silver Spur night club, 1717 S. Ervar St. in 1948 and worked for RUBY for approximately six to eight months. SUBJECT also stated he has seen RUBY about two or three times a year since his employment by Ruby. SUBJECT was asked if he knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD and if he did, was he aware of any connection between RUBY and OSWALD. SUBJECT'S reply was that he personally did not know OSWALD and he has no knowledge of an acquaintance between RUBY and OSWALD. SUBJECT also stated that although he was not a close friend of RUBY, he did not believe RUBY was a communist or had been connected with any. SUBJECT told Detective WARDLAW that if he learned of any information that might be helpful to the police, that he would contact officer WARDLAW. The interview was then terminated.

Respectfully submitted,

*W.S. Baggio*W.S. Baggio, Detective  
Criminal Intelligence Section

EVALUATION: T-1 is reliable and has furnished reliable information in the past. Believed to be true.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS: Detective WARDLAW and SUBJECT have been acquainted for several years thru WARDLAW'S police duties. Attached to this report are copies of SUBJECT'S liquor applications, and arrests made at nightclub owned by the SUBJECT



INT 25-69-A



APPLICANTS FOR BEER, WINE OR LIQUOR LICENSE OR PERMIT MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM No. 09994

Trade Name THE RESTAURANT BARGE HALL Address 215 GOSHAWK

Full Legal Name - First John Middle Walter Surname Smith

Place of Birth: City Chicago County Cook State Illinois Country USA

Birth Date 10-10-1914 Ht 5'10" Wt 175 Sex M Race W Eyes Blue Hair Light

Present Legal Residence 201 W. 11th St. Dallas Phone No. 441-2227

Occupation or Business Restaurant List All Employers For Past 3 Years:

From 1914 To 1918 Name John W. Smith Address 215 Goshawk

From 1918 To 1920 Name John W. Smith Address 215 Goshawk

From 1920 To 1922 Name John W. Smith Address 215 Goshawk

Are You Single, Married, Widowed, Separated, Divorced? Married

Full Name of Spouse - First John Middle Walter Last Smith

List All Your Residence Addresses For Past Five Years:

1. 215 Goshawk Dallas 2. 215 Goshawk Dallas

3. 215 Goshawk Dallas 4. 215 Goshawk Dallas

5. 215 Goshawk Dallas 6. 215 Goshawk Dallas

What Was Your Last Address Before Coming To Dallas?

Have You Ever Been Arrested For Other Than Minor Traffic Violations? If So, List Arrests And Final Disposition of Each:

Give Three Character References - Not Relatives or Employers:

Have You (or any member of your family, relative or business associate) ever had an application for license or permit denied, and/or a license or permit suspended or cancelled by the Texas Liquor Control Board? Answer Yes or No.

If Answer is Yes:

1. Give Name of Applicant and/or License or Permit Holder and Facts:

And 2. State What Connection He, She or They Will Have With Operation of Business For Which This License or Permit is Sought.

How, When and From Whom Did You Acquire This Business For Which You Seek This License?

Have You In The Past Three Years Had Any Interest (As Owner, Partner, Associate or Employee) in Any License or Permit Issued By The Texas Liquor Control Board? Answer Yes or No. If Yes, Give Details.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Dallas  
Before Me, The Undersigned Authority, on This Day Personally Appeared \_\_\_\_\_

Known To Me To Be The Person(s) Whose Name(s) is/are Signed To The Foregoing Application and, Duly Sworn By Me, Each States Under Oath That He Has Read The Said Application and That All of The Facts Therein Set Forth Are True and Correct.

Sworn To Before Me, This 15 Day Of October, A. D. 1944

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Notary Public In And For \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas



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# Applicant's Arrest Record

DPD No. \_\_\_\_\_ SSB No. \_\_\_\_\_ Picture Available Yes ( ) No ( )

Date	Location of Arrest	Charge	Disposition

## Location Offenses

Date	Type of Offense	Number of Offense

The license for these premises is at this time on a 30 day suspension beginning Sept. 22, 1958. Offense of Permitting intoxicated persons to remain on beer licensed premises and Possession of unauthorized beverage on beer licensed premises by licensee (O. L. Nelson)

## Location Radio Calls

Number of Calls	Type of Calls	Number of Arrests



Applicant has no D.D. arrest record under his name

Following action taken by T.L.C.B. against licensee, O.L. Helms  
at 216 Corinth:

~~11-8-55 - 7 days - Default on Permit~~

9-21-58 - 30 days - Licensee Default on Permit  
Default for O.L. Helms

Following arrests from 7-25-59 to date

- 4-DD-V
- 7-DD-V
- 2 CoVoy-V
- 2-AFF-V
- 3-AFF-R
- 3-GAMB-V
- 1-485PC-V (Criming Pistol in Ballroom)
- 2-BT-V
- 2-MCA-V
- 2-L LAW-V
- 2-DP-R

1. Dewey Flowers Groom, for The Plantation Dance Hall,  
216 Corinth:

On 7/11/58 Dallas Police filed misdemeanor Liquor  
Violation charge against one O. L. Helms, WM, age  
50, offense occurring at 216 Corinth.

30 day suspension 9/27/58, Viol: Permitting intox-  
icated persons to remain on the licensed premise and  
Possession of unauthorized beverage on the licensed  
premise by Licensee - O. L. Helms, Plantation, 216  
Corinth Street.



INT. 25-6



**CITY OF DALLAS  
TEXAS**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date September 28, 1958

Texas Liquor Control Board  
901 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas

Gentlemen:

This department has received notification of the application of Deway Flowers Groom

Home Address 2631 Fonville

Business Address 216 Corinth Trade Name The Plantation Dance Hall

New Business Address Trade Name

For a Beer License (X) Package Store Permit ( ), under date of Sept. 24, 1958

☐ For your information a check of the files of this department reveals the following record on this name:

☒ Under the provisions of Article I Section 12(e) Subsection (1) and (2) Texas Liquor Control Act, I wish to **PROTEST** the (issuance) (renewal) (transfer) of the above application for license because of the following law violations occurring on licensed premises: License for these premises under 30 day suspension at this time. Protest on basis of Liquor Law violations and arrests on premises.

Number of Arrests	Type of Arrests	Classification
3	Drunk & Disorderly	View
7	Drunk & Disorderly	Call
5	Affray	Call
1	Vio. S. L. L. (licensee)	View
1	Minor consuming alcoholic beverage	View
1	Minor consuming alcoholic beverage	Call
3	Gaming	View
2	Disturbing Peace	Call
2	Vagrancy	View
1	Impersonating Police Officer	View
	Unlawfully carrying arms (employee)	
2	Investigation Burglary & Theft	View

C. F. HANSSON  
Chief of Police

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INITIALS

Additional Information on Reverse Side

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W.P. Hanson  
15-1006-11



September 30, 1958

*Assail to  
10-21-58  
for ruling on  
Dance Hall License  
by City.  
P.L.  
10-2-58*

Dewey F. Groom,  
2631 Fonville  
Dallas Texas

Dear Sir:

Your application for a beer License for the

location of 216 Corinth St

Dallas, Texas, has been set for a hearing.

This is to notify you that a hearing will be held on your application for the above address in the Commissioners Court Room located on the fourth floor of the Records Building, Dallas, Texas, and that you may be represented by Counsel if you desire. The hearing will be held at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday October 7th 1958

Yours very truly,

H. L. "LEW" STEARETT

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cc- District Attorney's Office - Mr. Geo. Biggs  
Texas Liquor Control Board - Mr. Franklin

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

*2-1964*  
*15-1006-11*  
*15-1113*  
*INT 25-692*



October 14, 1958

Devey F. Groom,  
2631 Fonville  
Dallas, Texas

RE-SET

Dear Sirs:

Your application for a beer license for the

location of 210 Corinth St  
Dallas, Texas, has been set for a hearing.

This is to notify you that a hearing will be held on your application for the above address in the Commissioners' Court Room located on the fourth floor of the Records Building, Dallas, Texas, and that you may be represented by Counsel if you desire. The hearing will be held at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday October 21 1958.

Yours very truly,

W. L. "Lew" STEARETT

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cc- District Attorney's Office - Mr. Geo. Biggs  
Texas Liquor Control Board - Mr. Franklin

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED



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*Done Hall's  
Granted.  
Withdraw protest.  
Per WFS  
Protest withdrawn  
10-21-58  
Per  
Glover  
10-21-58*